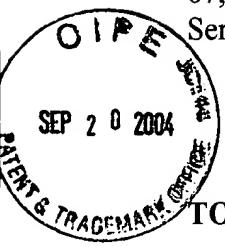


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to an office action mailed on 16 June 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks pertaining to the above referenced application.

There are no amendments to the specification or drawings. Amendments to the claims are found within a Listing of the Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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